



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Maitreya Update**

**29 February 2016**

VCAT this morning upheld Council's position in proceedings in relation to the proposed staging of the Maitreya Music and Arts Festival at Wooroonook Lakes. VCAT dismissed the promoter's attempt to argue a technicality in regard to how the festival had been categorised in the planning permit. The lack of consent to use the land from Parks Victoria as well as Council was also considered

This finding means a Cultural Heritage Management Plan will be needed in line with Council's previous decision. The tribunal noted one could not be provided in time for the staging of this year's event and that an urgent hearing would be futile. The Maitreya Music and Arts Festival cannot go ahead on the forthcoming long weekend.

Council had repeatedly requested the promoter to provide the Plan but they have continually refused to do so.

Council will be providing further updates.

**End release**

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